

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm

Nature Center <i>Open Daily 10am-5pm</i>	Mountain Bike Rental <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Virgil I. Grissom Memorial <i>Closed for Renovations</i>	Campground Hayrides <i>Closed for the Season</i>
Pioneer Village <i>Closed for the Season</i>	Hoosier Quest Series <i>Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!</i>
Twin Caves Boat Tours <i>Closed for the Season</i>	
Please arrive on time for scheduled programs. <i>Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.</i>	
Public programs are designed for individuals and families. If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129	
Get advance notice of special events and programs! Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com	
HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.	

LOOK FOR THE ROCKS AND SHRUBS
WATCH FOR THE ROYAL FLIGHT



January 2009

Thursday, January 1
Nature Center CLOSED for New Year’s Day.

Friday, January 2
1:30pm Waving Over Winter – Create a mini-flag that celebrates the winter season! Nature Center, Program Room (30-45 min).

Saturday, January 3
1:00pm Down to Donaldson – Feeling a little chilly? Warm up inside a cave! Caves stay in the mid-50s all year... enjoy the warmer temperature while looking at formations and searching for leopard frogs (which also take advantage of the cave’s constant temperature). Bring a flashlight and wear good shoes! Meet next to the bulletin board at the Donaldson Picnic Area parking lot (1 hr).

Sunday, January 4
11a-1p Snowmen! – Drop by to make a cute snowman bookmark. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

Monday, January 5


2009 Nature Poetry Contest Opens Today!

Contest entry guidelines may be picked up at the Nature Center or Spring Mill Inn, downloaded from www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs, or emailed to you upon request (call the Nature Center at 812-849-4129 and leave your email address).


Entries accepted from today through March 13.

Prizes awarded to the top two adult and the top two children's entries!

Saturday, January 10

1:00pm  **Spring Mill's Eccentric** – Explore the story of George Donaldson, a unique man who made Spring Mill State Park possible, while exploring the ruins of his home. Meet next to the restroom at Donaldson Picnic Area (20 min).


Sunday, January 11

2:00pm  **Snowflake Study** – Are any two snowflakes the same? Learn the answer, and discover how snowflakes are formed, while making a snowflake craft out of felt. Nature Center, Amphitheater (30 min).

Saturday, January 17

1:30pm **Friendship Bags** – Create a felt friendship bag to carry small treasures. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).


Sunday, January 18

10:30am  **Mini Winter Wander** – Join us for a relatively short off-trail hike to explore the woods west of the Nature Center. Meet on the first floor of the Nature Center (1 hr).


Thursday, January 22

11:00am **Hand-woven Belt Workshop** - You'll learn the basics of a technique called "finger weaving," explore its history, and make your own hand-woven belt using this skill. *Cost is \$18/person and includes a buffet lunch in the Millstone Dining Room. Pre-registration is required by January 18 to the Spring Mill Inn (812-849-4081); limited to 20 people.* Spring Mill Inn, Oak Room (3 hr, may run longer).


Saturday, January 24

3:30pm  **The Alexander Wilson Monument** – Join us on a hike to this unique monument... learn who put there and why Alexander Wilson is worth memorializing. Meet at Sycamore Shelter (45 min).

Sunday, January 25

12p-1:30p  **Avian Adventurers** – Discover which birds are brave enough to stick out through the cold winter weather, what adaptations help them keep the cold at bay, and make a simple bird craft to take home. Drop by the Lobby in the Spring Mill Inn.

Saturday, January 31

11:30am  **Trees Without Leaves** – How can you identify trees in the winter? Even though they've lost their leaves, trees still have plenty of features that give their identities away. Find out what to look for on this easy hike... Meet in front of the Grissom Memorial (45 min).

Sunday, February 1

1:30pm **Cemetery Stroll** – Explore the symbolism behind gravestone images and discover a few unique inscriptions. Meet at Hamer Cemetery (25 min).